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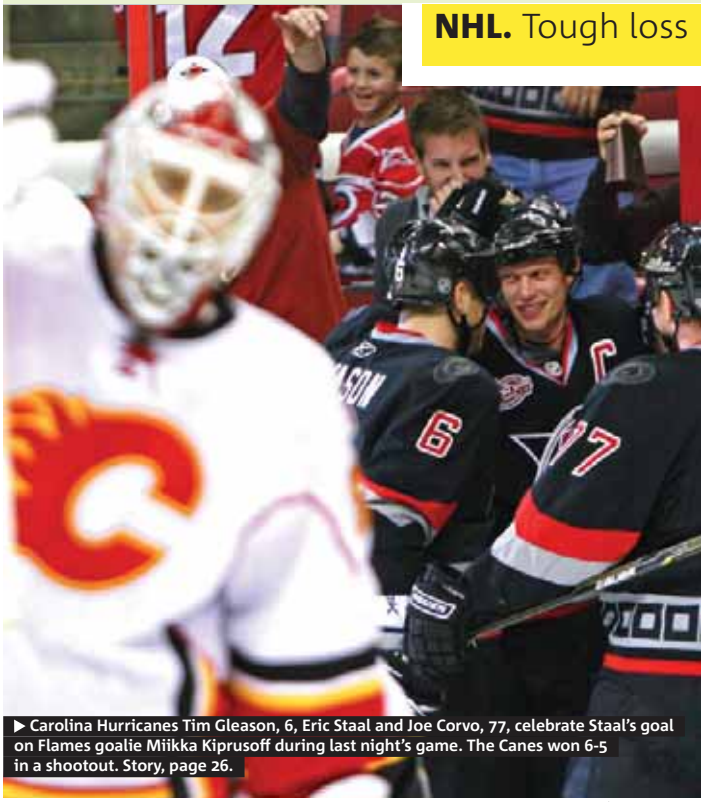

NHL. Tough loss

▶ Carolina Hurricanes Tim Gleason, 6, Eric Staal and Joe Corvo, 77, celebrate Staal's goal on Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff during last night's game. The Canes won 6-5 in a shootout. Story, page 26.

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Flames can't finish off Canes

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Mounties deal with aftermath of deadly shooting {page 3}

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City nurses see hope in Haiti

Calgary volunteers say week in Haiti was the most rewarding of their lives ◐ One year since disaster struck

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Four Calgary nurses who recently returned from volunteering in Haiti say the resilient spirit of people suffering in the earthquake-ravaged country astounds them.

One year after a magnitude-7 quake levelled much of the country and killed an estimated 230,000 people, the United Nations says more than one million people remain displaced — rubble is all that remains where their houses once stood.

Through an initiative called Project Medishare, Calgarians Jackie Adam, Kerry Doerksen, Natasha Meadus and Sabina Sommer volunteered for a week at a hospital in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

"There are amazing people," Sommer said of the Haitians. "They would never leave Haiti. They love their country, their people, and they are so happy and thankful for life in general."

Doerksen provided care from Nov. 13-20 and witnessed a great deal of fear amid the country's much-publicized cholera outbreak.

The other three nurses followed shortly after, serving from Dec. 4-12. All four worked 12 hours or more each day for a week and slept in bunks at the hospital.

"It was a different kind of nursing," Meadus said. "Here, we rely so much on technology, whereas there they don't really have any."

Adam said initiatives are in place to transfer control of health care back to the Haitians. But it's a slow process.

"I think there's a long way to go," Adam said. "Their housing situations, sanitation and that type of stuff hasn't improved at all."

MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 10.

Calgarians contribute

- In all, 49 health-care professionals from Calgary have donated their services to the relief effort in Haiti through Project Medishare.
- A memorial service will be held for Haitian earthquake victims at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Calgary's Our Lady of Fatima church, located at 6320 Taralea Park NE.

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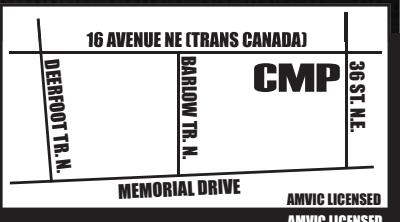

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Siberian tiger gives birth at Calgary Zoo

The Calgary Zoo's Siberian tiger Katja gave birth to a cub early Monday morning, though officials say the gender of the cub is still unknown.

The cub will stay in the den with Katja for about three months before being viewed by the public.

"At this point, Katja, the mother, appears to be providing good care to the cub," said area manager Jamie Dorgan in a release.

"It's important that we allow Katja to care for her cub undisturbed, and so we will keep a close watch using the infrared cameras in the den and restrict access to the area around the tiger barn."

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Motorsport roundtable scheduled

Ald. Shane Keating is looking to sit down with motorsports enthusiasts in the city later this month to help determine the future direction of racing in Calgary.

Race City's agreement with Calgary is up at the end of 2011, which Keating said is all the more reason to start planning ahead.

"The issue is, if you're going to develop into something, you have to decide where to put your resources and I want to identify what the issues are."

Organizations wishing to be a part of the roundtable discussion, which is slated for Jan. 27, can contact Jason Letourneau at 403-268-2478.

KATIE TURNER

KATIE TURNER/METRO, INSET: RCMP

▶ ASIRT director Clifton Purvis addresses media yesterday in Calgary. Inset: RCMP photograph of a replica gun carried by shooting victim.

Man shot dead by RCMP had fake gun

The 62-year-old is a suspect in a string of robberies in Canmore, including one that happened just half an hour before the incident

The RCMP officers responsible for shooting and killing a man in Canmore are coping with the emotional fallout after learning that the suspect's weapon was fake, according to a spokesperson.

Patrick Webb said the two officers, one a 25-year veteran and the other with four years of service, are currently on leave.

"This is obviously a very serious, major impact on them — emotionally, psychologically and legally," said Webb.

"To find out that it's a replica is part of it. It certainly has impacted them."

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is currently conducting an investigation to determine what led to Monday's shooting.

Clifton Purvis, executive director for ASIRT, said officers stopped the man around 4:30 p.m. and he presented what looked like a gun.

"The male opened the door of the suspect vehicle and was armed with what appeared to be a 9 mm Smith and Wesson semi-automatic pistol," said Purvis.

The investigation will likely go on for several months and is seeking to determine if the officers' actions were justified, according to Purvis.

KATIE TURNER

Details

- Purvis said both officers fired numerous shots. Two shots struck the man's chest and he was pronounced dead in hospital.
- Five civilians and one off-duty officer have been cited as witnesses.
- Those with information are asked to call ASIRT at 403-592-4306.

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Gun-toting carjacker sought by RCMP

Airdrie RCMP are asking the public for help identifying a suspect who forced his way into a vehicle and held the driver at gunpoint.

On January 7, at around 5 p.m., an adult male was forced to drive around the rural areas near Airdrie and northeast of Calgary for several hours, according to RCMP.

The suspect is described as a Native male, 30 to 40 years old, 6-foot-3 with a heavy build. He is missing teeth, has a red "RA" tattoo above one thumb and a black teardrop over the other.

Anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. METRO

MLA all for airport tunnel

One of Calgary's provincial politicians is throwing his support behind Mayor Naheed Nenshi's push for an airport tunnel. MLA for Calgary-McCall Darshan Kang released a statement yesterday, which said he will continue to raise the issue with the Alberta legislature. METRO

Caution urged after avalanche

RCMP are reminding skiers and snowboarders to take caution after a Class 3 avalanche took place near Castle Mountain Ski Resort Sunday. Patrol searched the area but found everyone was accounted for. According to the RCMP, two cross-country skiers triggered the slide. METRO

Seniors group to have day in court

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

▶ Margaret Caveny shows a cheque for nearly $150,000 written out to the Parkdale Nifty Fifties by the Alberta government in the early 1990s.

Group seeks formal lease that reflects autonomy from association

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Representatives of a Parkdale golden age group are suing its community association and the City of Calgary over claims it is being subjected to inappropriate eviction action.

Margaret Caveny has been with the Parkdale Nifty Fifties since it was first established in 1983. She said the group worked next door to the Parkdale Community Association as a separate organization for decades until recently, when they received threats of eviction.

"When (the association) started going downhill, that's when all this came about," she said. "They couldn't manage their payments or anything else."

Al Penner, the Nifty Fifties' legal representative, said threats of eviction have been negated for the time being by a court order he obtained Nov. 5.

But Darcy Morgan, who sits on the Parkdale Community Association's board of directors, denied the eviction claims altogether and said the group simply requested the creation of a sub-lease because they own the land where the Nifty Fifties headquarters is located.

Nifty Fifties

- The Parkdale Nifty Fifties group estimates it has 400 members from the community and around the city.
- The group says it has always been self-sufficient, relying on fundraising and donations.

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Police seek tips in home invasions

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▶ Cops looking for info on Coral Springs robberies.

Police are hoping the reenactment of a home invasion in Coral Shores will generate tips from the public.

Investigators believe the same two suspects were responsible for two robberies in August, said Staff Sgt. Brad Moore.

In the first robbery, two suspects gained entry into the home by showing residents what appeared to be a police badge, said Moore. Residents were then restrained while suspects escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash and valuables.

In the second home invasion, resident Beula David said the suspects broke through the door.

"They held my daughter and used a crowbar," she said. "They terrorized her."

The two suspects were described as Caucasian males between 20 and 30. Police believe the invasions were targeted and suspects had knowledge of the contents of both homes.

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News in brief

Man charged in cab thefts

Calgary Police have charged Andre Joseph Brunet, 24, in connection with three violent robberies of Calgary cab drivers.

On three occasions, spanning from Dec. 15 to 20, Brunet allegedly assaulted and robbed cabbies who picked him up as a fare, according to police.

Police are asking for help identifying a man who may have more information on the last robbery. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Alta. housing starts up

Alberta housing starts increased approximately 36 per cent in 2010 from the previous year, according to figures released yesterday by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

"We had a strong first part of the year but it has slowed down," said Lai Sing Louie of CMHC prairies' division. He attributes the slowdown to a number of factors including the unseasonably cold weather the last two months.

CMHC forecasts the number of housing starts to increase as the year progresses in 2011.

CAROLINA NOVOTNY

Freak accident kills farmer

A farmer in northern Alberta has been killed in a freak accident.

Peace River RCMP say the man had left his vehicle running when it jumped into gear and backed over him.

Calvin Erwin Jaschke, who was 38, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mounties say a defective transmission shift cable caused the vehicle to go into gear.

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Warning could have helped, officer says

Testimony is key because a critical question has been whether RCMP accurately assessed the threat posed by Roszko and acted accordingly

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▶ Sgt. James Martin, left, leaves the provincial court in Stony Plain yesterday after giving testimony at the fatality inquiry into the slayings of four RCMP officers.

The Mountie in charge of four Alberta officers murdered by James Roszko in 2005 has placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of the gunman's accomplices.

Sgt. Jim Martin didn't refer to Dennis Cheeseman and Shawn Hennessey by name while testifying yesterday at a fatality inquiry. But he said if anyone who knew of Roszko's murderous intent that night would have simply called to warn the RCMP, everything would have changed.

"I would have pulled all my members out of the area and called in the emergency response team," Martin testified while the parents of Hennessey looked straight back at him from the gallery of the provincial court.

"It would have changed everything if we had immediate knowledge of Roszko coming back onto the property or attempting to come back on the property in stealth manner."

Hennessey and Cheeseman are both in prison after pleading guilty two years ago to giving Roszko a rifle and a ride back to his farm the morning Roszko surprised and shot the officers who were guarding his Quonset hut.

The two admitted in court that Roszko was angry at police that night and said they considered warning the officers, but didn't because they feared reprisal from Roszko.

Outside court, Shawn Hennessey's father, Barry Hennessey, said he was appalled by Martin's comments and said the RCMP are to blame for failing to secure the scene. He said the force should have made more of an effort to track down Roszko in the hours before the attack, given that it was common knowledge that Roszko hated police and had a criminal history of violence.

"They knew the man had weapons, ammunition, they knew he was off his rocker," Barry Hennessey told reporters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U of C charts future course with student input

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▶ McCormick, U of C's community-engagement manager, promotes Project Next yesterday.

As its 50th anniversary draws near in 2016, the University of Calgary is turning to students to help map a course for the future.

University President Elizabeth Cannon initiated a new strategic-planning campaign, officially titled Project Next, and an awareness event was held in the MacEwan Student Centre yesterday.

"The University of Calgary has grown remarkably over the last decade and has reached the point where we need to determine what's next and set a direction that is ambitious, well defined and supported by our campus community," Cannon said.

Heather McCormick, the university's community-engagement manager, said hundreds had stopped by the Project Next booth as of midday yesterday to inquire about planning workshops being held over the next two months.

"We are using social media to make it easier to get involved and gain feedback," she said.

First-year astrophysics student Daniel Hiebert stopped by the booth and answered some questions about what drew him to study at the university.

"The fact that they have facilities that others might not have was a major thing," he said.

JEREMY NOLAIS

Look forward to the retirement you want by planning ahead now.

By **Victor Dodig**
Executive Vice-President
CIBC

Not everyone shares the same idea of the perfect retirement, but all Canadians can work towards realizing their individual goals – enjoying more free time, less pressure, maybe even that favourite hobby – with smart planning and professional advice. So what can you do today to plan for the retirement you want tomorrow?

Starting a retirement plan can be as simple as talking to an advisor. Planning your future takes a lot less time than you might think. An advisor can help take the pressure out of planning and make sense of the numerous savings and investment options available to you.

To build a retirement plan, you need to have a clear idea of your goals. Then, an advisor can help you assess where you now stand financially, calculate how much money you will need to support your chosen retirement lifestyle and determine what sources that income will come from, which could include: a pension, Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA), or non-registered investments. An advisor can also discuss other important considerations such as inflation and healthcare costs.

Everyone has a different time schedule for retirement and an advisor can help you determine your appropriate investment mix including savings accounts, GICs, mutual funds, managed portfolios or brokerage solutions. Since your plan is a long-term one, it's essential that you consider the long-term return potential and level of risk of any investment before adding it to your retirement portfolio.

One of the easiest ways to make saving for retirement a priority is to set up a regular investment plan.

As smaller contributions are often easier to make on an ongoing basis, a regular investment plan starts to work for you right away by moving you closer towards your goals with each contribution while compounding interest, dividends or investment growth.

Most importantly, if you haven't already, start planning today. Get help from an advisor to prepare a retirement plan, put it into action and review it regularly to ensure you stay on track. The more time your investments have to grow, the greater your returns will be. Successful retirement planning means being realistic about what you need to do today to reach those goals tomorrow.

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Sask. farmers cry foul on gas injections

Couple left farm and moved to Regina, citing pollution They want carbon-capture project stopped

A Saskatchewan farm couple whose land lies over the world's largest carbon capture and storage project says greenhouse gases that were supposed to have been injected permanently underground are leaking out, killing animals and sending groundwater foaming to the surface as if it were shaken-up soda pop.

Cameron and Jane Kerr, who own nine quarter-sections of land above the Weyburn oilfield in eastern Saskatchewan, released a consultant's report yesterday that claims to link high concentrations of carbon dioxide in their soil to the 8,000 tonnes of the gas injected underground every day by energy giant Cenovus in its attempt to enhance oil recovery and fight climate change.

"We knew, obviously, there was something wrong," said Jane Kerr.

Cameron Kerr, 64, said he has farmed in the area all his life and never had any problems until 2003, when he agreed to dig a gravel quarry.

That gravel was for a road to a plant owned by EnCana — now Cenovus — which had begun three years earlier to inject massive amounts of carbon dioxide underground to force more oil out of the aging field. In total, Cenovus has injected more than 13 million tonnes of the gas underground.

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▶ A silver-blue sits atop water on the Cameron farm.

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Political. Violence

▶ A rebel soldier gestures to show his only weapon is a knife in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, yesterday.

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Ivory Coast in power struggle

Following the deaths of four people, tensions continue to escalate in the Ivory Coast. UN peacekeepers retreated from a neighbourhood where security forces fired volleys of gunshots yesterday after dozens of angry young men built a blockade.

Foie gras off the menu for festival

Famous Quebec chef Martin Picard has bowed out of Ottawa's winter festival in defiant defence of one of his staple dishes: foie gras.

The Winterlude furor stems from ongoing calls for the delicacy to be banned because of its alleged cruelty to animals.

Organizers say they faced instant pressure by animal-rights activists over the use of foie gras on Picard's menu.

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Foie gras, a 5,000-year-old French delicacy, is controversial because of the process used to make it.

News in brief

WikiLeaks boss Assange unrepentant

LONDON. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange vowed yesterday to step up his site's release of secret documents while he fights extradition to Sweden, as his lawyers argued that sending him to Stockholm could land him in Guantanamo Bay or even on U.S. death row.

That claim, regarded by many legal experts as extremely unlikely, is part of a preliminary defence argument released by Assange's lawyers ahead of a court hearing scheduled to be held next month.

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Haiti still struggling one year after quake

Government and international community criticized for inaction

The man's body lay face down, his white shirt shining like wax in the sun as he was unearthed in the ruins of a Port-au-Prince restaurant a year after the earthquake.

The bodies still being found in the rubble are a sign of how far Haiti has to go to recover from a disaster that left the capital in ruins and is estimated to have killed more than 230,000 people.

As the dust was still settling from the Jan. 12, 2010, disaster, volunteers and hundreds of aid groups flocked in with food, water and first aid that saved countless lives. But the effort to rebuild has been dwarfed by the size of the tragedy and, perhaps most fatally, the lack of Haitian and international leadership and co-ordination of more than 10,000 non-governmental organizations.

President Rene Preval did not speak publicly for days after the quake. He has been seen by most Haitians as ineffective at best, and many observers have criticized him for not spearheading reconstruction or making the hard policy decisions needed to rebuild.

Advocacy groups also blame much of the Haitian government's weakness on an international community that is not keeping its pledge of support.

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▶ Fradzelle Wiener places a wreath on a cross during a service in memory of the tens of thousands killed and buried in the mass grave near Port-au-Prince.

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Housing bubble concerns seem out the window

December's seasonally adjusted annual rate of urban starts fell 13.3 per cent to 149,100 units

Canada's housing market appears to be heading for a soft landing in 2011, with the pace of home-construction slowing last month — easing concern that a glut of new properties will come on the market and undercut real-estate prices.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reported yesterday that home starts fell to an annualized 171,500 last month, well down from November's annualized rate of 198,200 units.

Most of the decline was attributed to fewer multiple-family dwelling units — condos and apartment buildings — although single-family housing starts also fell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fewer permits

On Monday, Stats Canada reported that building permits fell 11.2 per cent in November from the previous month.

- **Permit value**
  The value of residential permits declined 7.2 per cent in November.
- **What it means**
  Permits are an indicator of long-term building intentions.

Market moment

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Detroit. Autos

▶ Models pose with the new Chrysler 300 at the North American International Auto Show.

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Industry revs up for auto show

Thousands from the global automotive industry are gathered in Detroit this week for 30 to 40 worldwide vehicle debuts, as well as exchanging ideas and strategies that affect global economics. The show, which opens to the public Jan. 15, has long echoed the mood of the industry.

More space at MySpace

Struggling entertainment site MySpace said yesterday that it is cutting nearly half of its staff worldwide, or about 500 people, after an extensive revamp allowed it to be run with fewer people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BALANCE IS KEY TO MANAGING FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

With Canadians top financial priority being to pay down their debts, it can be challenging for them to comfortably make investments at the same time.

The key is to take a balanced approach, says Trish Domingo, an investment and retirement planner with RBC Financial Group.

"If you get to a point where you completely pay off your mortgage and you have no investments on the other side of the balance sheet, then how are you going to draw down on that asset - the house - later on, other than having to sell it or borrow down the road?" asks Domingo.

One way to achieve a balance is to invest in RRSPs because they reduce a person's taxable income. The money saved could then be used to further pay down one's mortgage.

Domingo says Canadians top three priorities are to pay down debt, save for retirement and save for their children's education.

"We always talk to our clients about having a plan in place," says Domingo. She cautions that without a plan, it is difficult to achieve one's goals.

Domingo recommends people sit down with their families to discuss their goals and then sit down with an RBC advisor to come up with a plan to achieve them.

In planning for one's retirement, people should take advantage of pension plans or group RRSPs offered by their employees. While some people might feel these will be enough for their retirement needs, that isn't necessarily true.

"It's going to depend on every individuals needs," says Domingo.

A pension might be sufficient for people with modest lifestyles, but for people who plan on travelling, taking courses or maintaining and living at multiple properties in retirement, they are likely going to need additional savings, she says.

Couples must also work together to balance their respective priorities and work on their plan, especially given circumstances change frequently.

"It's extremely important to make sure there is open conversation with the couple and they both understand what their goals are and what their contributions need to be in order to reach those goals," says Domingo.

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BUDGETING

Budgeting plays a crucial role in allowing people to balance their financial priorities.

There are three steps to creating a budget:

1. *The first step is to look at one's spending and see where their money is going. It is important to also cut out unnecessary spending.*

2. *The second step is to look at how one's spending fits into their long-term financial plan.*

3. *The final step is to track one's ongoing spending to make sure they are meeting their objectives.*

SAY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: EWWW

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

I'm sorry. The only way I can look at 84-year-old Hugh Hefner's recent engagement to 24-year-old Crystal Harris is as a dad.

If I was Crystal's dad and she came home with an 84-year-old beau, I'd have the old geezer arrested for child abuse. Or at least blond abuse.

What is she thinking? The Playboy of the Western World is way past his best before date. Never mind what he's thinking. In fact, I don't want to know what he's thinking.

She's probably thinking: "This won't take long."

Even if it lasts a week and he expires with a smile on his face, is there any dad alive who wants his pride and joy to marry the world's oldest boy?

But the one who is really upset is Holly Madison, the former Hooters girl and Hef's ex-No. 1. He broke up with her because he didn't want to get married. As if?! Now he's marrying this Crystal. Stay tuned for Holly's tell-all, coming up on her reality show, Holly's World, Jan. 29.

I'm not making this up.

Hefner has been exploiting women for more than 60 years, and I guess it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. Obviously, he is determined to die with his boots on. Or, you could argue, it's a clever strategy. Back in the day, Hef kept a harem of seven or eight Playboy bunnies at the mansion. Now he's pledging to be faithful to Crystal alone, which is probably a great relief when you're 84, even with Viagra.

"But silicon-stuffed airheads are people, too, and deserve to be protected from the depredations of rabbit zombies."

Of course, the perpetual party is mainly a myth. Hefner stays home and watches movies or plays cards with his aged cronies. He likes old movies. Crystal's favourite movie is The Little Mermaid. She was three when it was released, and it has stayed with her ever since.

I guess you could see the Playboy Mansion as a sheltered workshop for silicon stuffed airheads who couldn't keep your order straight at McDonald's. Who else would think it's a good idea to marry an octogenarian who listens to Bix Beiderbecke on his Victrola?

But silicon-stuffed airheads are people, too, and deserve to be protected from the depredations of rabbit zombies. I have half a mind to get out the pitchforks and the torches, storm the mansion and rescue Crystal from the clutches of Hef the Impaler. (That's if his Viagra prescription has been renewed).

Then I'll send her home to bed without her supper. Or Hef, for that matter.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Hate confused with anger

Letters & Tweets

Re: Michael de Adder Jan. 10 cartoon

CALGARY. The cartoon in Monday's Metro portraying Sarah Palin and the tea party movement in the U.S. as "hateful" is highly objectionable. Prior to any investigation of the tragedy in Tucson, Ariz., (cartoonist Michael) de Adder is attributing blame to the conservative movement of the U.S.

Palin has not demonstrated any hateful intent. De Adder is confusing hate with anger. The tea partiers demand from their elected officials respect for the rule of law with regards to illegal immigration and demand fiscal responsibility from state and U.S. federal officials. This is not hateful, it's responsible. **J.A. ZWAHLEN**

TORONTO. What's hateful about having certain principles such as wanting a smaller government, not believing illegal immigrants should jump the line and get a free pass, advocating for personal responsibility (in other words, nixing the nanny state), desiring lower taxes, etc., etc.?

Newsflash: I'll tell you what's hateful. When people who don't agree with other people's points of view resort to lies by using the "hate card," simply because they have no other sensible argument to make. **RACHAEL BLOOMFIELD**

Tucson tragedy

PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. VIA THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Minute at winter barbecue

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Make your way down to The Bull's Eye Winter Barbecue in support of Project Warmth.

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When you've had your fill of the barbecue, find the cowboy in you and take a ride on the mechanical bull. **STERLING GREEN**

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New album

Canadian pop star Avril Lavigne has released the lead single off her forthcoming album, Goodbye Lullaby. The first single, What the Hell, was made available digitally yesterday in the lead up to the release of her fourth album, due Mar. 8. In a blog post late last year, Lavigne expressed frustration with her label and the delayed release of the new album.

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An Everyman in Movie Land, Globes nominee Paul Giamatti thrives in depicting life's disorder

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▶ Winona Ryder, left, Kevin James, Jennifer Connelly and Vince Vaughn star in The Dilemma, which opens this weekend.

HOLLYWOOD'S CAUTIONARY TALE

In Focus

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The Dilemma takes a funny look at infidelity when Vince Vaughn finds his friend's wife has been cheating

Sometimes it seems like Hollywood is obsessed with infidelity, both on screen and off. Celebrity cheating scandals — Jesse and the porn star, Tiger and, well, er… everyone — covered the front pages recently and Zsa Zsa Gabor once famously said, "How many husbands have I had? You mean apart from my own?"

Even supposedly happily-ever-after Tinseltown couples preemptively guard against unfaithfulness by signing "cheat-proof" prenups.

Catherine Zeta-Jones has a legal infidelity clause with Michael Douglas and it's rumoured that Denise Richards and Charlie Sheen signed one worth more than four million dollars.

In this weekend's The Dilemma, a funny take on infidelity, Vince Vaughn discovers his best friend's wife is having an affair.

There have been adultery comedies before, but usually on screen in American films there is a price to be paid for matrimonial betrayal.

Ever since the first cheating Hollywood movie, 1915's Infidelity, movies like The End of the Affair, Body Heat and Derailed have shown the consequences of bed hopping, but one movie stands head and shoulder above the rest as a cautionary tale.

Fatal Attraction begins with Michael Douglas, a married man, who has a fling with Glenn "I'm not gonna be ignored" Close.

When he tries to break off their affair, she becomes a lesson in why not to cheat on your wife.

There have been adultery comedies before, but usually on screen in American films there is a price to be paid for matrimonial betrayal.

The film was a sensation in 1987 and its most famous clip, the rabbit boiling on the stove scene, even inspired a phrase in the Urban Dictionary.

According to their website, cook your rabbit "refers to the moment when someone goes over the edge in their obsession with another person."

Fatal Attraction was a box office bonanza, inspiring a number of imitators including The Crush, Single White Female and a spoof called Fatal Instinct.

More poignant is Same Time Next Year, the story of a 26-year long affair. Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn star as an extramarital couple who rendezvous once a year from youth to old age.

Based on a stage play by Canadian Bernard Slade, it's a nice mix of humour — when asked how many kids he has Alda lies, saying two rather than three, saying, "I thought it would make me seem less married," — and emotion.

Perhaps the strangest infidelity movie on our list is Come with Me My Love, a supernatural tale about a man who kills his cheating wife, then commits suicide, only to come back as a ghost 50 years later to haunt his old apartment.

Celebrity tweets

Jeremy Piven [@jeremypiven]

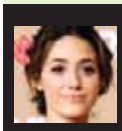
Women officially become crazy the year they won't tell you their age...

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman]

I don't know that I'd call it gumption but I at least have the inclination to take 3 baths a day.

Aziz Ansari [@azizansari]

Does anyone think all these dead birds and fish is a viral marketing campaign for the movie Country Strong?



Emmy Rossum [@emmyrossum]

Lesson of the day: Maybe not so wise to ask boys in the twitterverse which avatar I should use unless I am prepared to hear "kitchen scene!"

Divorce takes toll on Johansson

Actress recently split with Ryan Reynolds ◆ New bachelor being linked to Sandra Bullock in media ◆ Johansson spotted smoking and 'looking like a mess'

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▶ Scarlett Johansson

Scarlett Johansson was spotted at Jeremy Renner's 40th birthday party in Hollywood over the weekend "looking like a mess," according to Hollyscoop.

"Scarlett was drinking vodka with lime, and was smoking cigarettes," says the source, who noted the actress — who recently separated from Ryan Reynolds — hid a shorter hairdo under a baseball cap at the party.

"She looked like she was going through a divorce," the source says.

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Talking points

Douglas wins tough battle with cancer

Michael Douglas is happy to report that he's cancer-free.

"I think the odds are with the tumor gone and what I know about this particular type of cancer that I've got it beat," he tells Matt Lauer during an interview for the Today show. METRO

Meg Ryan basks in media attention

Meg Ryan is reportedly thrilled about being linked to John Mellencamp in the media. "Not only has she got a great new guy, she's back in the headlines. It's not easy going from being one of the highest-paid actresses in the world to an anonymous New Yorker. Meg's loving all this attention again." METRO

Sheen back to partying with porn stars

It looks like Charlie Sheen is back to his par-tying ways during his current visit to Las Vegas, according to Radar Online.

Sheen reportedly headed to Vegas over the weekend for the Adult Entertainment Expo and decided to stay a little longer. "Sheen didn't do a meet-and-greet, that's for sure, but he was with a lot of the porn stars in his room and he's out of control again." METRO

Shakira's new status: Single

Pop star Shakira is single again, having split up with her longtime boyfriend, Argentinean political advisor Antonio de la Rua, according to a statement on her website.

"During our almost 11 years together we have loved each other deeply, taken care of each other and stood by one another," the statement reads.

"They have been the most wonderful years of our lives, and thanks to that love and the respect that we share for one another we have been an exceptional couple and partners." METRO

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▶ Shakira

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▶ Owen Wilson

Wilson prepares for fatherhood

Owen Wilson is getting ready to be a dad, with girlfriend Jade Buell set to give birth in Hawaii "any day now," according to Us Weekly.

Wilson is "very excited and involved with the pregnancy," a source says.

"[Owen] has been doing research and learning as much as he can.

"He's super into it and asks a lot of questions to make sure he knows what's going on every step of the way." METRO

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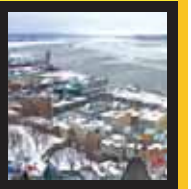
Got the winter blahs? If so, it's hard not to feel perked up when you are hanging out with Bonhomme, Quebec City's most popular resident, at the Quebec Winter Carnival
Try sleigh rides, zip-line over the Plains of Abraham and, of course, skating

Bonhomme is the mascot of the annual Quebec Winter Carnival, which runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13.

News in brief



Organizers of the Quebec Winter Carnival will be inviting visitors to spend a night in the cold, sleeping in tents on the Plains of Abraham.

Tents that can accommodate up to four people will be provided along with sleeping bags in a "winter village" that will be set up for the 57th edition of the carnival, which runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13. The tents will be available on three nights: Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and 12.

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Egypt displeased with treatment of Cleopatra's Needle in New York City

Winter fun with Bonhomme

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In the midst of all these post-holiday grey days, who wouldn't need a little pick me up in the form of sub zero merry-making?

Old Quebec City is just the remedy for those winter blahs. The historic city offers one of the oldest, (and truly coldest) winter festivals around.

When I was a young lad, I was actually afraid of that giant smiling snowman with the red toque towering above us mere mortals.

Turns out, the Bonhomme Carnaval is just as friendly as Frosty the snowman, and that is why he remains the lovable mascot of the largest winter carnival in the world. Talk about Canadian history.

After checking into the beautiful and historic Chateau Frontenac hotel on the banks of the St. Laurence, I was amazed at all the snowy festivities taking place all over old Quebec. Elaborate evening parades, sleigh and dog sled rides, concerts, and snow sculpting to name just a few.

The very funny and icy canoe race on the St. Lawrence River is not to be missed. And if you're really adventurous you can zip-line right through the middle of the historic Plains of Abraham, which happens to be the nucleus of the carnival. It's also a fun tradition to actually skate alongside the Bonhomme himself, so better sharpen those blades. That chilly dude can hustle!

All this wintery fun has been part of the Quebec winter calendar since 1894, and began with the habitants of New France, who knew how to eat, drink, be merry, and get a little rowdy prior to lent.

Let's face it, this time of year there's no sense in fighting the cold … might as well celebrate it. What better place to do that than in cool old Quebec?

This year's Quebec Winter Carnival runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13.

Plenty of history, heights in Quebec City

If you need a break from the Carnival, here are some other cool things to do in Quebec City.

Shop in Petit Champlain: Check out North America's oldest shopping district, located at the foot of Dufferin Terrace in the Vieux Port. Watch actors re-enact Quebec's 400-year history, or chow down at any one of a dozen bistros.

Visit Canyon St. Anne: Marvel at the highest pedestrian bridge in Quebec, and walk over three separate suspension bridges, past a giant waterfall. For the more adventurous, try first class bungee jumping, zip-lining and mountain biking. DARREN PARKMAN

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▶ Left: Diamond Head on Oahu. Right: Take some surfing lessons in Hawaii.

Hawaii on a budget

While planning a week-long family trip to Hawaii as an escape from winter, I kept getting suggestions from friends, websites and even my kids for all kinds of "must-see" activities.

Helicopter tours! Dolphin encounters! Luaus! Bike rides down volcanic mountains!

Then I checked out the prices for all these marvels. Helicopter tour, $200. Dolphin encounter, $100. Luau, $100. Bike ride, $100.

Now multiply each fee by four, for me, my spouse and two kids. I'd just added $2,000 to the budget for our trip.

But if we didn't do any of these things, would we really feel we'd missed out?

I'm happy to report we skipped 'em all with no regrets. Yet our trip to Hawaii was spectacular. We hiked through rain forests, walked across a volcano floor, stargazed from the world's tallest mountain, and swam in a bay so full of colourful sea life that it was like stepping into an aquarium.

The cost for these activities, aside from parking or car entry fees: Zero.

Which is not to say that a vacation to Hawaii can be done on a dime. We pounced on a $550 US round-trip airfare, but even that meant $2,200 US for a family of four.

Because it was our first visit, we hopscotched among three islands — the Big Island, Oahu and Kauai — which meant $60-per-person flights from one island to the next. My husband covered six nights' lodging for free by saving hotel credit card points for more than a year, but the one hotel night we paid for ran $350. We also paid for rental cars, but that let us skip taxis and tour buses.

We stuffed ourselves at free hotel breakfasts and at places like Me's BBQ, 151 Uluniu St. in Waikiki on Oahu, where the plate lunch (a mix of choices including chicken, fish, pork, vegetables, rice and macaroni salad) fills you up for under $10. But most of all, we collected memories from one amazing adventure to the next, without spending a lot of cash. Here are some details.

Kalalau Trail and Hanalei Bay on Kauai

The Kalalau Trail on Kauai's Napali Coast is 18 kilometres one way, but the first section — 6.5 kilometres round trip — makes a perfect half-day outing (kalalautrail.com). Parking is free but the limited spots fill up early. The steep trail can be muddy and slippery; wear sturdy footwear. Scenery ranges from lush and jungle-like as you climb the mountain, to dramatic overlooks from high cliffs over the ocean, to roaring waves crashing on a rocky beach.

Mauna Kea Volcanoes Park and Kahuluu Bay on the Big Island

Mauna Kea, the world's tallest mountain (9,144 metres from its base in the ocean to its summit), is home to many of the world's largest observatories. Guided tours to the top (including food and transportation) can run $200, but there are two free alternatives. Free stargazing programs are held nightly at the visitors centre, located at 2,743 metres.

A final Big Island wonder was Kahuluu Beach Park in Kona. For under $10, you can rent snorkel gear on site and wade into the water to see coral and fish. The sea life is so colourful you don't even need to put your head underwater to see it, though you'll want water shoes for the rocky bottom.

Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, hula show and surfing in Oahu

The famous beach at Waikiki is located in Honolulu on Oahu. Here I found a wonderful free alternative to a luau, which I wanted to attend not so much for the mai tais as for the performances. The Kuhio Beach Hula Show offers a charming, authentic show of traditional Hawaiian music, dance and stories.

No visit to Oahu is complete without visiting its two most famous landmarks: Diamond Head and Pearl Harbor. A steep 2.5-kilometre roundtrip trail to the summit of Diamond Head's volcanic cone offers panoramic views of the ocean and Honolulu.

At Pearl Harbor your visit begins with a film on the site's history. Then take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial.

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Getting scared in Ottawa

Canada's capital hosts plenty of guests of the ghost realm ◗ Historical figures, criminals, even teachers

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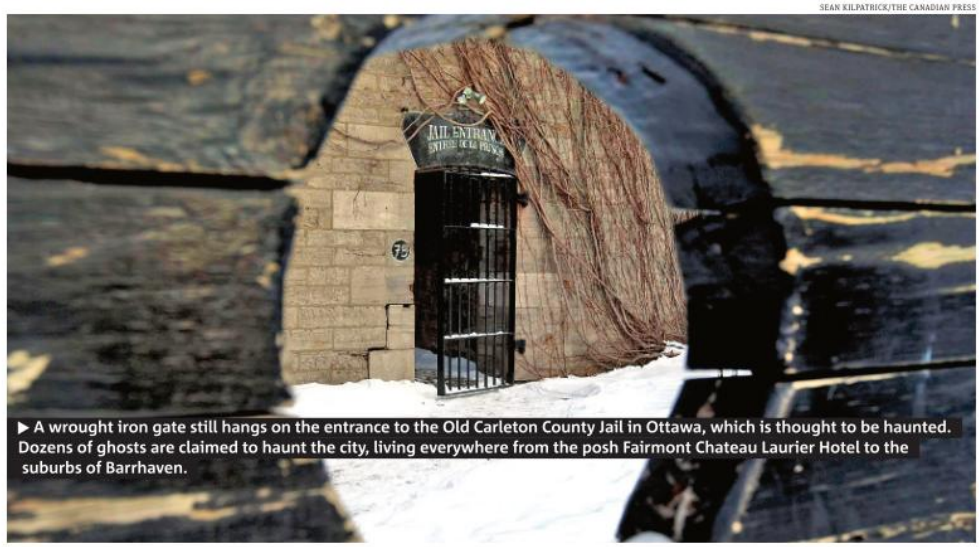

▶ A wrought iron gate still hangs on the entrance to the Old Carleton County Jail in Ottawa, which is thought to be haunted. Dozens of ghosts are claimed to haunt the city, living everywhere from the posh Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel to the suburbs of Barrhaven.

Getting into the spirit of Canada's capital usually means a day at the Parliament Buildings, a walk through the farmer's market or a visit to the many museums or galleries.

But those with a spectral frame of mind might want to skip the usual attractions and just go for the spirits themselves.

Dozens of ghosts are claimed to haunt Ottawa, living everywhere from the posh Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel to the suburbs of Barrhaven.

Some are historical figures, such as the spectre rattling around the castle-like Chateau Laurier, said to be that of Charles Melville Hays. He was general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway of Canada, which commissioned the hotel.

He travelled to Europe to choose furniture for the hotel dining room, made what turned out to be a poor choice for his return trip and sailed back on the Titanic. It sank and Hays died, never to see his grand hotel open to the public.

Ever since, guests and staff have reported seeing a man resembling Hays wandering the hotel, or they have observed objects shake and move at random.

It's not the only place where visitors can lay their heads alongside Ottawa's haunted history. A hostel in the heart of downtown occupies a former prison.

The Carleton County Gaol's most famous inmate was Patrick Whelan, convicted of the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation.

Whelan was executed for his crime in the last public hanging in Canada and his is one of the spirits said to roam the cellblocks now used as hostel rooms.

Not all of Ottawa's ghosts are as famous.

Part of Ottawa's city hall is a former teachers college, built in 1875, where for years people have reported seeing the figure of a woman in the halls, moving back and forth between two rooms, opening and closing the doors.

A yearbook yielded a clue for researchers trying to uncover the ghost's identity. One of the head teachers, Eliza Bolton, was behind a change in school policy that required one teacher to supervise two classrooms.

That meant they had to move back and forth between two rooms. Apparently Bolton is paying for her administrative zeal by forever moving back and forth between classrooms.

Her photo in the yearbook matched the description of the ghost, as did her behaviour.

"Those are the moments that are a lot of fun in this job," said Glen Shackleton, Ottawa's resident ghost researcher. "When you get an a-ha moment and the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. It is a spooky business for sure."

Shackleton has parlayed his love of historical research into a company than runs haunted tours of Ottawa.

He digs up biographies of the banshees by combing through historical records and old newspapers — especially those published around Halloween, when newspapers are more likely to print stories of alleged hauntings.

With the leaves off the trees and an early sunset, the eerie quiet and creaking of the canal ice provides a perfect soundtrack for would-be ghost busters interested in a nightly winter tour.

Not all the spirits are from the turn of the century.

A few years ago, Shackleton said residents of a newly built suburb in Ottawa, called Barrhaven, reported that their home appeared possessed by a poltergeist — a spirit said to announce its presence by rattling or creating disorder.

In this house, glass would crack at random, radios crackled when turned off and furniture would fall apart. The people ended up moving out, and no further ghost-like incidents were reported.

Getting rid of a ghost can sometimes be as simple as changing a tenant, Shackleton said.

And for the more practical out there, upgrades and renovations to many of Ottawa's historic buildings may have fixed many of the structural issues that might have caused people to believe they were haunted. Begone squeaky floors!

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▶ New Orleans' Carnival season features about 100 parades.

Carnival season is on in Big Easy

New Orleans has said so long to the holidays and used the Twelfth Night observance to kick off the Carnival season — which will be extra long this year.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu, accompanied by New Orleans clarinetist Pete Fountain, on Thursday served up slices of king cake, the traditional Carnival pastry, at historic Gallier Hall where the mayor greets parading royalty on Mardi Gras Day.

Between Thursday and when Carnival celebrations wrap up March 8, about 100 parades will roll through area streets or float down waterways.

The first was the Phunny Phorty Phellows on Thursday night. The group rides a St. Charles Avenue streetcar on Twelfth Night — which for some Christians marks the end of the Christmas season — to kick off the debauchery associated with Carnival.

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Tons of video game fun for kids in the Bahamas

Parents returning to Canada from a winter break on Paradise Island in the Bahamas may remember the sun, sand and surf. Their teenagers, on the other hand, may miss the video games.

The island's Atlantis resort has opened an $11-million teen club called Crush, a 1,300-square-metre facility that boasts a state-of-the-art gaming stadium equipped with consoles (PlayStation 3, Wii and Xbox360) and pod chairs featuring built-in surround sound for "a true arena-inspired experience," says a release.

As well, 10 private gaming cabanas are outfitted with 55-inch 3D flat-screen TVs.

There's also an Internet lounge stocked with computers and iPads, and a dance club with video walls and performance stage.

The aim of Crush is to focus on technology that teens are embracing, said George Markantonis, president of Kerzner International Bahamas. Atlantis is Kerzner's flagship resort.

"The teen and tween audiences are becoming increasingly powerful when determining where families will go on their holiday," he said.

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Establishing yourself

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Shortly after arriving in a new place while travelling alone, I scope out local restaurants and coffee houses. When I find one I like, I make it part of my daily routine to spend some time there eating, reading, or planning my next destination.

By my second or third visit, the owner would warm up, refill my coffee mug for free, or tell me about the latest local festival or "best kept secret." Other solo travellers seem to use this tactic as well, which makes meeting new people a snap.

At a French bakery in Cambodia, I met a Dutch filmmaker who was looking for someone to share the cost of transport to Angkor Wat.

We spent the day exploring the ancient temples and as a thank you, he gave me a copy of the day's footage.

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Maple Blush Smoothie

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Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) milk
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) vanilla yogurt
- 500 ml (2 cups) strawberries
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) maple syrup

Preparation:

1. Blend milk, yogurt, strawberries and maple syrup until smooth. This recipe makes 750 ml (3 cups).

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Canadian chef aims for kitchen gold

Ryan Stone will compete in an international competition in France

When Ryan Stone hits the stage at a convention centre in Lyon, France, he'll be entering what can only be described as the Olympics of the culinary world.

"It's life-consuming," Stone says of the preparation involved in representing Canada in the glitzy Bocuse d'Or competition involving 24 countries.

Top food wizards from Argentina to Uruguay will vie for a prestigious trophy and $35,000 euros as they prepare lamb and fish dishes in five and a half hours on Jan. 25 and 26.

A team of 12 chefs will compete each day, with Stone going head to head with his rivals on the second day of the event.

Stone says the atmosphere will be electric as 8,000 spectators watch the chefs' every move in the knock-down, drag-out event that's been held every two years since 1987.

"I compare it to watching a playoff hockey game and a rock concert combined," he says. "People who are watching are really loud, they've got music pumping through the speakers there and two MCs. It's crazy."

Stone, 28, was selected in 2008 to represent Canada at this year's Bocuse d'Or from among five chefs at a competition in Montreal where he cooked two winning dishes including a black cod and lobster combo rolled together with a scallop mousse made of chives, parsley, tarragon and truffles.

Stone's eight-member team includes a manager who has secured sponsorships, liaised with organizers in Lyon and helped launch fundraisers that will net about $350,000 to compete at the show.

Stone says the two large silver platters that will display his lamb and fish creations cost about $40,000, and the rest of will go toward everything from air fare to all that lamb and fish he's been cooking up over and over again for months.

Canadian chefs have never placed in the top three at the Bocuse d'Or contest, but neither have those from the United States, Stone points out.

"The best we've placed is fourth, and the best that the States has placed is fifth. We've pretty well always placed in the Top 10."

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▶ Canadian chef Ryan Stone will compete at the glizty Bocuse d'Or competition in France.

Stone's salmon special

The chef teams French bread brioche with fish in this unique dinner dish that goes well with Chardonnay

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, mix honey and grapeseed oil and thoroughly brush the top and sides of the salmon.
   Place salmon on a baking sheet.
2. In a large bowl, mix yolks, cream, tarragon and shallot.
   Add brioche and gently mix, being sure all of the brioche is covered with the yolk cream mixture. Pack brioche mixture evenly on top of the salmon.
3. Bake in a 160 C (325 F) oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork. Baking time will depend on the size of the salmon.

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Ingredients:

- 4 salmon portions (about 175 g/6 oz each)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grapeseed oil
- 2 egg yolks
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) tarragon
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 500 ml (2 cups) diced brioche
- Salt and pepper

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Most Canadians that experience depression in their lifetime will be affected in their working years.

While the impact on productivity in a workplace can be significant, employers may not recognize how relationships with co-workers can also be impacting performance. A recent Leger Marketing survey of Canadians living with depression found that most (67 per cent) respondents said their depression impacts their relationship with co-workers, with half avoiding contact altogether.

This avoidance with co-workers is not surprising given the survey also explored perceptions about depression and found that two-fifths of diagnosed Canadians believe depression is not perceived by the public as a medical condition (43 per cent) while less than five per cent of Canadians actually have that view.

"The general population's view about depression shows that we are clearly making progress in the understanding and management of the illness. However, we need to ensure that this knowledge and empathy toward those diagnosed with depression is translated into action," said Paula Allen, vice president of organizational solutions for Shepell.fgi.

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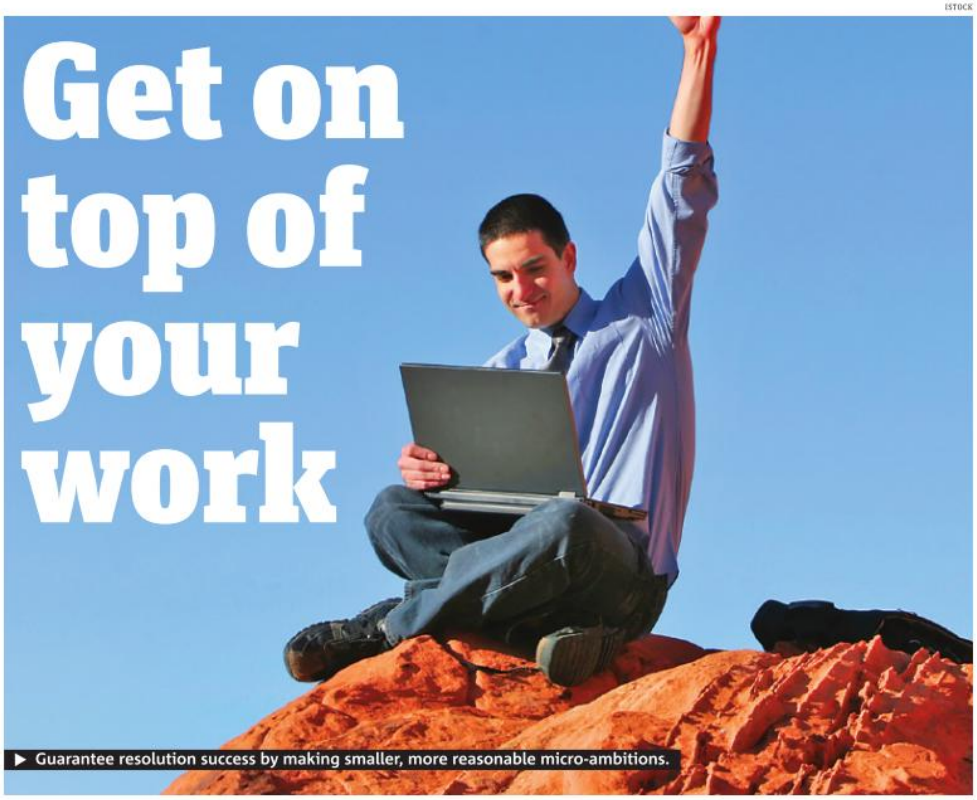

▶ Guarantee resolution success by making smaller, more reasonable micro-ambitions.

Take advantage of this month's slower pace and get your goals in gear

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The new year is young – and so is the decade – but if you dive right into it, you may miss the best moment to rethink your daily drudgery and set a new year's resolution in place, one more meaningful than a weight-loss program.

The first month of the year finds work loads light as workers crawl back to their stations at a post-holiday pace, which is why career counsellors say it's best to set ambitious and intrinsically rewarding goals now – before the holiday vibe curdles like that last carton of eggnog.

"People should have ongoing goals they assess a minimum of once a year, but those goals shouldn't be just what you are going to achieve for the company, but where you want to be," says Jane Cranston, a career coach in New York.

When those old routines speed up, and the smart phones resume buzzing at a frequent pace, it can become easy to lose track of why you go through it all in the first place.

"You have to regularly ask yourself, 'How will future generations think about your contribution the world?'" Fearless Career Change author Marky Stein notes. "It's a big, final, existential question, but it's important for people to ponder."

If that seems a broad and daunting question, set meaningful micro-goals, Cranston recommends.

"Be fair to yourself," she stresses. "Goals should be smart – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Break them into manageable pieces and tell another person about your goal."

"Better yet, work together to achieve them," she continues.

However expansive or small your 2011 ambitions, there's no better time to act on them than in this lull at the beginning of the year, Stein says.

"You can get your resumé in on a week where they'll only be receiving 10 resumés instead of 150," she explains. "In January, most companies have planned their new budget and have brand new budgets for brand new positions."

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See you in CPR class

The American Heart Association wants all U.S. secondary students to be trained in CPR • Should Canada follow suit?

Learning CPR at school has given 14-year-old Olivia Frierson more confidence when she babysits or helps out at a church nursery.

"I'm not as worried if something would happen," said Olivia, a ninth-grader at Shaker Heights High School in suburban Cleveland.

The American Heart Association thinks there should be more students like Olivia. It wants states to require high school students to learn how to give CPR and use an automated external defibrillator before they graduate.

That would "create a generation that could be trained, ready and willing to act," said Mary Fran Hazinski, a professor at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tenn.

She's one of the authors of an advisory released Monday that the heart group developed with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians. It calls for state legislatures to require students to get CPR and AED training before graduating from high school.

At least 36 states either require or encourage cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools, according to the heart group. However, that ranges from suggesting that students recognize the steps of CPR to requiring certification.

Sudden cardiac arrest – when the heart suddenly stops beating – is a leading cause of death in the U.S. The heart association says an estimated 300,000 cardiac arrests occur outside the hospital each year.

Survival, which varies greatly from region to region, is estimated to be only about eight per cent on average.

"Bystander CPR can double or triple survival," said Hazinski.

By teaching students CPR and how to use a defibrillator, "They'd be available to respond at home, in public places like malls and health clubs," she said.

At Shaker Heights High School, students learn those skills during a four-week program that's part of a physical education class, said Stuart Gilbert, head of the school's health and PE department.

The students are at a "perfect age" for the classes, he said, because they're babysitting and getting other jobs that require such skills, like being a lifeguard," he said.

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▶ Students perform chest compressions on baby mannequins during a CPR training class at Shaker Heights High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

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LOSING THE LAWYER

The slippery (and costly) path of self-representation

Workplace Law

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One individual's experience, related below, confirms two of my favourite rules in law: people get what they pay for, and clients hire lawyers to get better results than they could get for themselves.

An individual I met with last year decided that she would attempt to argue her case on her own. Naturally, this was against my advice since, as I explained, her case was not simple and her former employer did not appear willing to settle. Further, most judges strongly discourage self-represented litigants from conducting their own trials, another point I clearly made known.

As her claim fell within the jurisdiction of the small claims court, she relied on a free brochure, provided by the government, which explains that lawyers are not mandatory for small claims court. Since the majority of small claims matters relate to simple claims, a lawyer's involvement is often unnecessary. However, in workplace law cases, where questions of fact and law are disputed, seldom can an unrepresented individual adequately conduct a trial, a fact overlooked by the government's brochure.

She also was dissuaded from retaining a lawyer for fear of the costs. In her view, if she could obtain close to the same result that I could, then why pay for my time if she could save her money by fighting the case on her own. However, this only made sense if she won her case — a point she completely ignored when rejecting my offer to take on her matter.

Recently, I received a frantic call from her on the verge of her trial hoping that I would now take her case. Her employer was not prepared to settle, as I had predicted, and a pre-trial judge had ordered her to retain a lawyer, since he felt that she was incapable of arguing her own case. What's worse is that she was ordered to pay her employer's legal costs for the preliminary hearing, a result usually limited to frivolous claims.

The value lawyers' supply to their clients is challenged as often as the advice they provide. Sometimes it is for a good reason. Often it is not. Had this individual heeded my advice, she could have been cashing settlement cheques by now rather than having to pay legal costs to her ex-employer.

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Flames fall short in shootout again

- Late rally not enough to get win
- Iginla records his 500th assist

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HURRICANES	FLAMES

Rookie Jeff Skinner scored in the shootout and Cam Ward stopped Calgary cold to lift the Carolina Hurricanes past the Flames 6-5 last night.

Jussi Jokinen had two goals and an assist. Erik Cole, Tuomo Ruutu and Eric Staal also scored for the Hurricanes, who blew a three-goal lead but won their third straight and sixth in eight games.

Jarome Iginla, who earlier in the day was named an all-star for the sixth time, and Niklas Hagman each had a goal and an assist.

Jay Bouwmeester, Curtis Glencross and Rene Bourque each scored a goal and Olli Jokinen had two assists for the Flames, who lost their fourth straight and second in a row in a shootout.

The 18-year-old Skinner had the only goal in the shootout when he snapped the puck high past Henrik Karlsson. Ward stopped a wrist shot from Alex Tanguay and a backhand from Ales Kotalek before Hagman sent a wrist shot into his pads to end it.

Calgary trailed 5-2 late in the second period but reeled off three goals in an 11-minute span. Hagman started the rally with a slap shot with about three minutes left in the second, Glencross made it a one-goal game 1:31 into the third, and Bourque tied it 5-5 with a wrist shot with 12:21 remaining.

"I'm not happy with the point. We need to win games," coach Brent Sutter said. "It was great that we battled back, and we played like we did in the third period, but we should never have a letdown like we did in the second."

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▶ Cam Ward and Chad LaRose celebrate following the Hurricanes' 6-5 win.

Quoted

"I think everybody's really curious to see how it goes. The players that I've spoken to, whether they'll be in it or sitting in a tiki hut down in the Caribbean, they're all sort of interested to watch the players play general manager."

NHL EXECUTIVE BRENDAN SHANAHAN ON THE NEW FORMAT FOR THE ALL-STAR GAME, IN WHICH TWO CAPTAINS SELECT THE SQUADS. THE LEAGUE NAMED THE PLAYERS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE GAME YESTERDAY.

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Opinion

BRIAN COSTELLO
THE HOCKEY NEWS

DOES NHL STAND FOR 'NO HITTING LEAGUE'?

I gave up adult recreational hockey 20 years ago because I was embarrassed at what the game I love had become.

Playing with some fellow working hacks, I had to play by their rules. No slapshots, no body-checking, no fighting. It made sense because we were all well past our prime, we all had responsibilities outside hockey and we all had to get up and be healthy in the morning. No quibble there.

But our Tuesday afternoon pickup games quickly devolved into a form of pond shinny that I found revolting on arena ice. Players stickhandling into the offensive zone with their head down; fancy moves and dekes as though they're going around a pylon.

"I'm having a tough time these days watching decent hockey hits result in an attack on the craftsman."

Because I was born and bred a defensive defenceman, my mantra was to stare the puckmover in the chest and not let him get past me. Knock him on his duff, hit him into the boards. In adult rec hockey, my only option was to ride him off the puck.

Before long, one complaint turned into a dozen: "Dude, you're in a no-hit league." No one bought my explanation: "Dudes, body contact is allowed, you'd really know it if I was hitting." It wasn't going to work, so I quit.

Where am I going with this? I'm having a tough time these days watching decent hockey hits result in an attack on the craftsman. And now in the case of Tom Kostopoulos, I see an aggressive hit result in a six-game suspension. What in the name of Tim Horton is going on?

I've watched the replay over and over and I continue to see five-foot-11 Kostopoulos use his shoulder and torso to hit Detroit's six-foot-two Brad Stuart in the chest. No blind side, no hit from behind, didn't jump into the check. Stuart had just finished playing the puck and was leaning over so the follow-through of Kostopoulos's hit affected Stuart's jaw.

I understand the NHL is hyper-sensitive about concussions and hits to the head, but I think the league crossed the line on this one in issuing Kostopoulos a six-game suspension. (I actually think the only penalty on the play was Tomas Tatar hooking Jarome Iginla on a scoring chance a couple seconds before the Kostopoulos hit.)

When you think about it, any sort of serious body contact surely must cause some trauma to the head/brain. The way we're going, hitting will eventually become a casualty of hockey's evolution. When that happens, I think I'll leave this game for good.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	42	27	10	2	3	142	109	59	13-6-0-2	14-4-2-1	7-3-0-0	W4
d-Tampa Bay	43	25	13	3	2	128	137	55	12-3-1-1	13-10-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Boston	42	23	12	2	5	123	93	53	10-7-1-2	13-5-1-3	6-1-1-2	W2
Pittsburgh	44	26	14	2	2	138	105	56	14-9-1-0	12-5-1-2	4-4-0-2	L3
Washington	43	24	12	4	3	126	113	55	15-4-2-3	9-9-1-0	6-1-2-1	L1
NY Rangers	44	25	16	2	1	127	109	53	10-9-1-1	15-7-1-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Montreal	43	24	16	3	0	106	100	51	14-5-3-0	10-11-0-0	5-4-1-0	W3
Atlanta	45	22	16	3	4	140	140	51	11-8-1-2	11-8-2-2	3-5-2-0	L2
Carolina	42	21	15	2	4	127	128	48	10-7-1-1	11-8-1-3	7-1-2-0	W4
Buffalo	42	18	19	5	0	115	124	41	9-11-1-0	9-8-4-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	41	19	20	1	1	113	109	40	9-8-1-1	10-12-0-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Toronto	41	17	20	2	2	108	123	38	9-10-2-1	8-10-0-1	5-5-0-0	W3
Ottawa	43	16	21	4	2	93	132	38	9-12-1-1	7-9-3-1	3-5-1-1	L6
NY Islanders	41	13	21	3	4	97	134	33	7-7-1-3	6-14-2-1	6-3-0-1	L2
New Jersey	42	11	29	1	1	78	133	24	7-13-1-1	4-16-0-0	2-8-0-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	42	28	8	3	3	145	103	62	15-3-1-2	13-5-2-1	9-0-0-1	W1
d-Detroit	43	27	11	4	1	149	123	59	13-5-3-1	14-6-1-0	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Dallas	44	26	13	1	4	127	120	57	13-6-1-3	13-7-0-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Nashville	42	23	13	4	2	111	98	52	11-4-3-2	12-9-1-0	6-4-0-0	W6
Phoenix	43	21	13	6	3	121	123	51	8-5-3-2	13-8-3-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Colorado	43	22	15	6	0	144	138	50	12-8-3-0	10-7-3-0	3-5-2-0	W1
Anaheim	45	23	18	2	2	117	123	50	15-7-0-1	8-11-2-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Chicago	44	23	18	2	1	136	121	49	14-10-0-0	9-8-2-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	42	23	18	1	0	126	108	47	14-7-1-0	9-11-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Minnesota	43	21	17	1	4	108	123	47	10-10-0-2	11-7-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
San Jose	43	21	17	4	1	119	118	47	10-7-2-1	11-10-2-0	4-6-0-0	L4
St. Louis	41	20	15	2	4	110	116	46	14-7-0-2	6-8-2-2	5-4-0-1	L4
Columbus	43	20	20	2	1	110	134	43	11-10-0-1	9-10-2-0	3-7-0-0	L5
Calgary	43	18	20	1	4	117	129	41	11-8-0-1	7-12-1-3	4-4-0-2	L4
Edmonton	41	13	21	1	6	103	141	33	7-11-1-2	6-10-1-3	1-7-0-2	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 6 Ottawa 0
Carolina 6 Calgary 5 (SO)
Dallas 3 Edmonton 2
Montreal 2 N.Y. Rangers 1
Vancouver 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (SO)
Florida 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Nashville 5 Minnesota 1
Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 2
Phoenix 4 Columbus 3
Toronto at San Jose

Monday's results
Toronto 3 Los Angeles 2
Boston 4 Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 5 Detroit 4
Phoenix 4 St. Louis 3
Tonight's games
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

HURRICANES 6, FLAMES 5 (SO)

First Period
1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 4 (Iginla, O.Jokinen) 4:13
2. Carolina, Ruutu 11 (LaRose, Skinner) 11:46
3. Calgary, Iginla 18 (Tanguay, O.Jokinen) 13:06
4. Carolina, J.Jokinen 7 (Bra.Sutter) 16:29
Penalties — Pardy Cal (tripping) 7:30, Sarich Cal (hooking) 8:40.
Second Period
5. Carolina, Cole 12 (J.Jokinen, Samsonov) 2:16
6. Carolina, E.Staal 21 (White, Ward) 5:37
7. Carolina, J.Jokinen 8 (Gleason, Dwyer) 14:50
8. Calgary, Hagman 9, 16:48
Penalties — Morrison Cal (slashing) 0:08, Kotalik Cal (slashing) 3:32, Harrison Car (hooking) 7:32.
Third Period
9. Calgary, Glencross 10 (Hagman, Regehr) 1:21
10. Calgary, Bourque 14 (Morrison, Jackman) 7:39
Penalties — Sarich Cal, LaRose Car (roughing) 4:52, Skinner Car (boarding) 8:37.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalty — Bourque Cal (slashing) 2:38.
Shootout
Carolina wins 1-0
Calgary (0) — Tanguay, miss; Kotalik, miss; Hagman, miss.
Carolina (1) — J.Jokinen, miss; Skinner, goal; Ruutu, miss.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	12	8	12	0	32
Carolina	6	11	9	4	30

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Kiprusoff (8-4), Karlsson (L,2-3-3)(5:37 second)(22-21); Carolina: Ward (W,18-11-5).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Calgary: 0-2; Carolina: 0-5.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Tim Peel. **Linesmen** — Tim Nowak, Andy McElman.
Attendance — 10,096 (18,680).

CANUCKS 4, ISLANDERS 3 (SO)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 9 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin) 4:58
Penalties — Colliton NYI (holding) 12:05, Colliton NYI (hooking) 17:52.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Islanders, Hillen 1 (Comeau, Jurcina) 15:13
3. Vancouver, Kesler 24 (Samuelsson, Torres) 19:44
Penalties — Glass Vcr, Martin NYI (fighting) 10:57, Tambellini Vcr (hooking) 13:12.
Third Period
4. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 15 (Schremp, MacDonald) 3:14 (pp)
5. N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 11 (Reese, Schremp) 14:24
6. Vancouver, Bieksa 6, 14:58
Penalty — Bieksa Vcr (high-sticking) 2:57.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Vancouver wins 2-1
Vancouver (2) — Raymond, goal; Tambellini, miss; Kesler, goal.
N.Y. Islanders (1) — Schremp, goal; Parenteau, miss; Tavares, miss.
Shots on goal by

Vancouver	20	10	18	3	51
N.Y. Islanders	9	16	15	1	41

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,20-8-4); N.Y. Islanders: Poulin (L,1-0-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-2; N.Y. Islanders: 1-2.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Marc Joannette.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Greg Devorski.
Att. — 8,913 (16,234) at Uniondale, N.Y.

BRUINS 6, SENATORS 0

First Period
1. Boston, Bergeron 11, 3:33
2. Boston, Wheeler 10 (Seguin, Krejci) 9:47
Penalty — Seguin Bos (high-sticking) 17:40.
Second Period
3. Boston, Bergeron 12, 2:50
4. Boston, Marchand 8 (Seidenberg) 14:07
5. Boston, Seguin 7 (Krejci, Chara) 15:26
Penalties — McQuaid Bos (interference) 0:46, Winchester Ott, Horton Bos (fighting) 3:23, Ference Bos (roughing) 3:46, Carkner Ott, Thornton Bos (fighting) 10:26.
Third Period
6. Boston, Bergeron 13 (Marchand) 5:04
Penalties — Ruutu Ott (roughing) 6:58, Carkner Ott (roughing, fighting), Paille Bos (fighting) 14:50, Fisher Ott (delay of game) 16:52.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	9	13	9	31
Boston	10	17	12	39

Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Elliott (L,12-14-5)(27-22), Brodeur (start third)(12-11); Boston: Thomas (W,19-4-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-3; Boston: 0-3.
Referees — Chris Rooney, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Derek Nansen, Anthony Sericolo.
Att. — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

CANADIENS 2, RANGERS 1

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Dubinsky 17 (Gilroy, Lundqvist) 4:15
Penalties — Eller Mtl (holding) 10:38, Subban Mtl (roughing) 16:04, Staal NYR (interference) 16:12.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Spacek 2 (Plekanec, Weber) 18:49
Penalties — Girardi NYR (holding) 3:43, Pacioretty Mtl (cross-checking), Staal NYR (roughing) 19:20.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Pouliot 9 (Wisniewski) 6:03
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	14	11	13	38
N.Y. Rangers	9	11	6	26

Goal — Montreal: Auld (W,3-2-0); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,18-13-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-2; N.Y. Rangers: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Lee, Justin St. Pierre. **Linesmen** — Scott Driscoll, David Brisebois.
Att. — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES — Agreed to terms with INF Alberto Callaspo on a one-year contract.
TORONTO — Assigned LHP Wilfredo Ledezma outright to Las Vegas (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
COLORADO — Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Gonzalez on a seven-year contract.

NHL
CAROLINA — Reassigned F Jon Matsumoto to Charlotte (AHL).
DETROIT — Assigned LW Tomas Tatar to Grand Rapids (AHL).
N.Y. ISLANDERS — Recalled F Rhett Rakhshani from Bridgeport (AHL).
N.Y. RANGERS — Assigned D Sam Klassen from Greenville (ECHL) to Connecticut (AHL).
OTTAWA — Recalled G Mike Brodeur and F Jim O'Brien from Binghamton (AHL) on an emergency basis.
ST. LOUIS — Recalled F Philip McRae and F Ryan Reaves from Peoria (AHL). Assigned F T.J. Hensick to Peoria.

TENNIS

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At Sydney
Yesterday's results
MEN
Singles
Second Round
Richard Gasquet (5), France, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (7), Spain, def. Chris Guccione, Australia, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Potito Starace, Italy, def, Julien Benneteau, France, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-1, 6-0.
Gilles Simon, France, leads Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-0, 3-2 (susp., darkness).
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, vs. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-7 (3), 6-1 (susp., darkness).
WOMEN
Singles
First Round
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 6-3, 6-3.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, 7-5, 7-5.
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Sam Stosur (4), Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 7-5, 6-3.
Li Na (8), China, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).

HOBART INTERNATIONAL
At Hobart, Australia
Yesterday's results
Singles
Second Round
Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, leads Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-3 (susp., rain).
Jarmila Groth (6), Australia, def.Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, leads Peng Shuai, China, 2-1 (susp., rain).

HEINEKEN OPEN
At Auckland, New Zealand
Yesterday's results
Singles
First Round
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Juan Monaco (5), Argentina, 6-4, 6-3.
David Nalbandian (6), Argentina, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Thomaz Belluci (7), Brazil, def. Michael Russell, U.S., 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Bobby Reynolds, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3).
Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Arnaud Clement, France, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	30	9	.769	—
d-Boston	28	9	.757	1
d-Chicago	25	12	.676	4
Orlando	25	12	.676	4
Atlanta	25	14	.641	5
New York	22	15	.595	7
Indiana	15	20	.429	13
Charlotte	14	21	.400	14
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	14
Philadelphia	15	23	.395	14½
Toronto	13	24	.351	16
Detroit	12	25	.324	17
Washington	10	26	.278	18½
New Jersey	10	27	.270	19
Cleveland	8	29	.216	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	32	6	.842	—
Dallas	26	10	.722	5
d-L.A. Lakers	27	11	.711	5
d-Oklahoma City	25	13	.658	7
d-Utah	25	13	.658	7
New Orleans	22	16	.579	10
Denver	21	16	.568	10½
Portland	20	19	.513	12½
Houston	17	21	.447	15
Memphis	17	21	.447	15
Phoenix	15	21	.417	16
Golden State	15	22	.405	16½
L.A. Clippers	12	24	.333	19
Minnesota	9	30	.231	23½
Sacramento	8	27	.229	22½

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Last night's results
Indiana 111 Philadelphia 103
Washington 136 Sacramento 133 (OT)
San Antonio 107 Minnesota 96
Denver 132 Phoenix 98
New York 100 Portland 86
Milwaukee at Atlanta (ppd.)
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Charlotte 96 Memphis 82
Houston 108 Boston 102
Chicago 95 Detroit 82
Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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FEDEXCUP STANDINGS
(all figures in U.S. dollars)

Rank Name	Points	Money
1. Jonathan Byrd	500	$1,120,000
2. Robert Garrigus	300	$635,000
3. Graeme McDowell	190	$412,000
4. Carl Pettersson	123	$286,500
4. Steve Stricker	123	$286,500
6. Matt Kuchar	95	$201,500
6. Ian Poulter	95	$201,500
8. Bill Haas	85	$182,000

WORLD RANKING
Through Jan. 9

1. Lee Westwood	Eng	8.97
2. Tiger Woods	USA	7.50
3. Martin Kaymer	Ger	7.03
4. Phil Mickelson	USA	6.39
5. Graeme McDowell	Nlr	6.30
6. Steve Stricker	USA	6.01
7. Jim Furyk	USA	6.00
8. Paul Casey	Eng	5.65
9. Luke Donald	Eng	5.48
10. Ian Poulter	Eng	5.48

SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP
Third Round
Wycombe 0 Hereford 1

LEAGUE CUP
Semifinal
First Leg
West Ham 2 Birmingham 1

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH CUP
Fourth Round
Hearts 0 St. Johnstone 1
Falkirk 2 Partick Thistle 2
Queen of South 1 Brechin 2

NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Sunday's results
AFC
Baltimore 30 Kansas City 7
NFC
Green Bay 21 Philadelphia 16

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
AFC
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
NFC
Green Bay at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 16
NFC
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
AFC
N.Y. Jets at New England, 4:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

BOWL GAMES
All Times Eastern

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
At Glendale, Ariz.
Monday's result
Auburn 22 Oregon 19

FIGHT HUNGER BOWL
At San Francisco
Sunday's result
Nevada 20 Boston College 13

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	1	1	0	1.000	13	7	—
Rochester	1	1	0	1.000	11	10	—
Boston	1	1	0	1.000	10	6	—
Buffalo	1	0	1	.000	9	10	1
Philadelphia	1	0	1	.000	6	10	1

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	2	2	0	1.000	23	20	—
Washington	2	1	1	.500	22	23	1
Colorado	1	0	1	.000	10	11	1½
Minnesota	1	0	1	.000	10	11	1½
Edmonton	1	0	1	.000	7	13	1½

WEEK ONE
Sunday's result
Calgary 13 Washington 11
WEEK TWO
Friday's game
Minnesota at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's game
Edmonton at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

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By comparison

Mini Cooper
Base price: $25,000
Sporty looks and slot-car handling, but comes up short on space.

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It's big in Europe. The question is, will Canadians get it?

▶ The 500 will be sold through Fiat dealers, most of which operate in conjunction with Chrysler stores. The dealers will be a gateway for other Fiat products entering this country.

Say hello to Fiat's fuel-saving funster

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It's called the Cinquecento in Italy, but the Fiat 500 spells cheeky fuel-saving funster in any language.

Of all the many new arrivals from the revitalized Chrysler organization, the one car on everyone's mind is the Italian designed, built-in-Mexico Fiat.

The original 500 dates back to 1957 and was Fiat's way to get Italians off their Vespa motor scooters and into a more practical four-wheeled conveyance.

At the time, French, German and other European automakers were busy ramping up production of their own tiny cars, a pattern that the British would also follow with the advent of the Mini in 1959.

The Mini's successful 2003 relaunch under BMW's direction set the stage for a similar return for a brand new Fiat 500 that arrived in Europe for 2007 following a three decade absence.

It's now set to debut here as a 2012 model.

Any comparisons between the 500 to the Mini are inescapable, although the Fiat is a full 15 centimetres shorter and 5.6 centimetres narrower than its competitor and provides 16.5 centimetres less distance between the front and rear wheels. The 500 hatchback's diminutive size is slightly offset by a relatively tall roofline, but it still remains the smallest four-seater on the market.

Chrysler-Fiat refers to the 500 as having "city-friendly proportions," which translates into room for two adults in front plus a couple of very small children or pets occupying the folding rear seat.

That should be of only passing concern for the hordes of 500 fans who will likely flock to the 58 newly branded Fiat dealerships in Canada for an early viewing and test-drive of this iconic small car.

Given the 500's relatively miniscule engine, its footprint is not likely to be that big, but Fiat is obviously banking on big success for its little gas sipper. If initial interest and upwardly creeping fuel prices continue, the 500 could wind up batting 1000.

2012 Fiat 500

What you should know about the 2012 Fiat 500:

- **Type:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre four-cylinder (101).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market Position:** While most other automakers have micro cars or new "city" cars, Chrysler only has the Dodge Caliber wagon. The new Fiat 500 temporarily fills this need while providing a gateway for other Fiat products down the road.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.0/6.4(MT, est.).
- **Base price:** $17,400 (Including destination).

Fiat Group increases its ownership stake in Chrysler

Italian auto company Fiat Group SpA raised its stake in Chrysler on Monday by meeting a government requirement to build a new fuel-efficient engine in the United States.

Fiat got 20 per cent of the company from the U.S. government for taking control of its management after Chrysler's 2009 government-funded bankruptcy and can get another 15 per cent by meeting benchmarks set by the government.

Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne, who also runs Chrysler, has been trying to resurrect the car and truck maker from financial disaster.

Marchionne said Monday at the Detroit auto show that Fiat got another five per cent stake for building a small four-cylinder engine at a factory in Dundee, Mich.

The company is close to hitting two more government benchmarks to get another 10 per cent and hopes to be a 35 per cent owner by the end of the year, Marchionne said.

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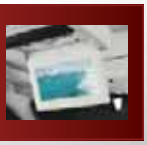

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Numbers

Top 2010 Nameplates by Sales Volume. (Year-ago rankings in brackets).

Model/Sales/ Change Over 2009

1. **Ford F-150**, 97,913 (1) 20.3%.
2. **GM Silverado/Sierra**, 87,194 (2) 18.2%.
3. **Honda Civic**, 57,501 (3) -8.2%.
4. **Dodge Caravan**, 55,306 (6) 37.3%.
5. **Dodge Ram**, 53,386 (9) 74.3%.
6. **Mazda3**, 47,740 (5) 1.7%.
7. **Ford Escape**, 43,038 (7) 16.4%.
8. **Toyota Corolla**, 38,680 (4) -28.3%.

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Honda Civic Concepts

Honda brought Civic concepts to Detroit, giving the world its first glimpse into the styling direction of the waiting-in-the-wings, ninth-generation Civic. Styling is an evolution of its current "one-motion mono-form" shape, and the mission statement continues to be "Civic for all people," meaning there will be a Civic for all tastes, including a sedan and coupe.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Ford Vertrek Concept

The Vertrek is a concept vehicle to reveal Ford's vision for the Escape replacement. It is based on Ford's global "C" platform, which underpins the new Focus sedan and the coming C-Max microvan. The current Escape is built on a larger platform that can take a V6. The C platform is wall-to-wall four-cylinder power; the Vertrek features the 1.6-litre EcoBoost.

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Mercedes SLS AMG E-CELL

This Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG E-CELL is a car with a lot of capital letters, but that's okay with us, because it looks real COOL and goes real FAST and doesn't burn any PETROLEUM. This gull-wind sports car is packing a 480 kW lithium-ion battery pack, feeding four compact electric motors. Said motors spin to 12,000 rpm and generate the equivalent of 526 horses.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Audi A6 Hybrid

Audi showed off its new A6 at Detroit, and announced that a hybrid version will join the line-up. Expect the non-hybrid to utilize the current 300-hp supercharged 3.0-litre V6. The hybrid will use a tag-team powertrain: the 211-hp turbocharged 2.0-litre I4 and a 45-hp electric motor with 39 kW lithium-ion battery pack, promising V6 power with four-cylinder fuel economy. In EV mode, the A6 can hit 100 km/h and cover three kilometres at a speed of 60 km/h.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Hyundai Curb Concept

The Curb concept signals that Hyundai also wants to join the burgeoning "very expressive crossover based on a compact car" niche, which is currently comprised of such entries as Nissan Juke and Kia Soul. It's also a test bed for Hyundai's connectivity technologies; witness the large acrylic touch-screen panel with multiple zones, which allows information to be passed among the vehicle's occupants.

Trucks dominate 2010 pop charts

2010 was a wacky year for Canadian car sales.

Some economic disaster, some recovery. Companies on life support, and then re-bounding nicely. The Toyota recall thing. Gas prices shooting up and staying there. Big buzz about small cars and electrics.

But all this did nothing to shake up the top-10 sales list. The 2010 list looks just like last year, with full-size pickups dominating the proceedings.

Three of the top five sellers were full-size pickups — Ford F-150, the GM twins (Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra), and Dodge Ram.

Why do Canadians buy so many full-size pickups?

Analysts point to recovery in the small business sector, which buys a lot of trucks, and incentives — they were going very cheap almost all year.

Small cars didn't take off, said the same analysts, because small-car buyers are the ones most affected when the economy goes sour.

And people seem to be ignoring gas prices anyways, and buying vehicles they want, and not necessarily the gas misers.

In terms of overall sales, we're almost back to pre-Lehman Brother standards. Over 1.5 million were sold in 2010, a six percent or so tick over last year.

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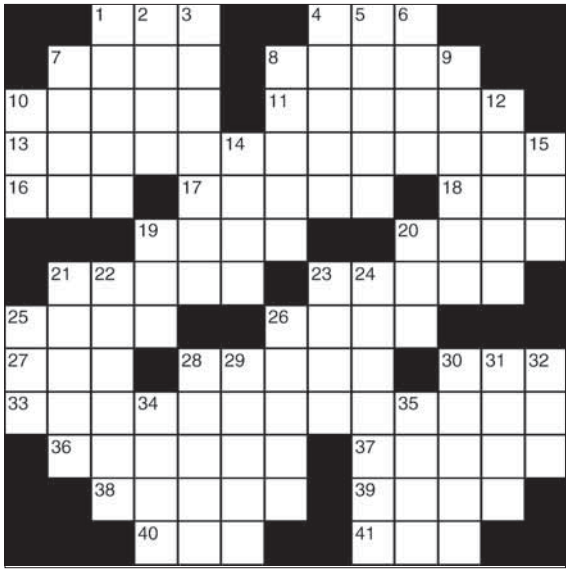

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21 Bell-shaped flowers
22 The youngest Simpson
23 14-Down's contents
24 "The Satanic Verses" author
25 Corral
26 Of birth
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30 Heavens above
31 Be in abeyance
32 Request
34 Authentic
35 Curved paths

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

	7	1	8		4			5
		4	1	3	5			
	8		2					
		7				4	8	9
6	4	3				1		
					6		1	
			5	7	1	6		
5			9		8	2	7	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	9	1	8	7	4	6	5	3
4	6	7	3	5	2	8	1	9
3	5	8	1	9	6	7	4	2
9	8	3	4	6	7	1	2	5
7	1	4	2	3	5	9	6	8
5	2	6	9	1	8	4	3	7
1	4	9	7	2	3	5	8	6
8	3	5	6	4	9	2	7	1
6	7	2	5	8	1	3	9	4

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

My Baby Annie, I love you more than words can say. I am your biggest fan and I hope you know that. You know I will always have your back. XOXOXO

To my No-Name, happy 19 month anniversary! I can't believe that you've put up with my shenanigans for so long! Te amo x sideways 8 :) Love 4eber,
YOUR DRUM-DRUM KITTY

Poohbear,
You're my heaven sent and I can't picture spending my life without you. I hope we can get through our rough patch and move forward. I love you so much!
LOVE, SWEETPEA

Dear Bunn Seed
I love you. Cause your sweet caring and you give good cuddles. I would be lost without you.
JEFF BSL

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min -21° Max -18°	Min -22° Max -19°	Min -17° Max -5°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You're a rebel by nature, and with Mars linked to disruptive Uranus today, you will be inclined to rock the boat even more than usual. Don't rock it so hard though that you risk falling out yourself.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
A Mars-Uranus aspect will endow you with all the energy you need to get things done. Before the day is over you will have accomplished something remarkable.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A deal you made a long time ago will pay off today and you will be mightily pleased that you had the foresight to invest in something that others said was a dud. Was it just luck?

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Even if you are the kind of Cancer who likes to keep a low profile, today you will leave someone in no doubt of what you think about what he or she is up to.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 One way or the other you will make your presence felt today, especially on the work front where those who cannot keep up with your relentless pace will soon be left far behind.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Today's cosmic activity will give you the confidence to step into the spotlight and let employers and other important people know what you are capable of. Don't worry about being over-ambitious.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today, act only if it is absolutely necessary. For best results you should let others make the first move. It will work in your favour.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't hesitate to call it as you see it today and, inevitably, some people will be shocked at how blunt you can be. But if that's what it takes to grab their attention, so be it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If someone suggests that the best way to show your love for him or her is to spend even more of your cash, it may be time to rethink your relationship. You may not care about money, but what about self-respect?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Mars in your sign links to Uranus, planet of changes, so you'll go out of your way to do something a little bit different. Others may be surprised that you are suddenly so daring, but they better get used to it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Is someone lying to you? Your Aquarius warning system is certainly on the alert and you would be wise not to ignore it. It may be no big deal, but can you afford to take the chance?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Reach out to someone you have not been in touch with for a while. Pick up the phone and call him or her. Chances are he or she has been thinking of you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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